

CALMAR CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
January 5, 2009

Prior to the meeting Mayor McCasland stated that he attended a Waste Management meeting in Decorah. There were several things they were going to have to do to meet DNR regulations but now it seems they are backing down on some of them and coming to an agreement regarding the requirements. He received correspondence from the railroad stating that the IC&E was in the process of changing hands. It will not change their service level, after the transition it will be the Dakota, Minnesota, and Eastern Railroad. Also discussed briefly was the correspondence with Mr. Carlson from IC& E regarding the pending lease agreement. Mr. Carlson was contacted to be made aware of why the city felt this agreement was necessary. Mr. McCasland also mentioned that he has an assessor meeting on January 22nd. He again reminded about the Winneshiek County Grants and that the reports from previous years had to be in if you want to apply for another grant. New grants are to be in by 5:00 P.M. on January 9th. Isaac Phillips also mentioned that the Calmar Development Corp. met and they are looking into getting a survey done using Carolyn Corbin and Luther Snow to find out what the community wants downtown to help revitalize the city. There will be two planning meetings on February 4th and March 5th. It was also noted that the property issue with Lester & Alice Lukas has been resolved with them signing the property over to us by Quit Claim Deed.

Mayor McCasland called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. on January 5, 2009. Present were Phillips, Anderson, Huinker and Meyer. Zweibahmer was absent.

Claims were discussed along with the large amount of accumulated comp time for Bob and Junior. Motion by Phillips, second by Anderson to approve the consent agenda with 4 changes in spelling in the minutes and approval to pay overtime to the city employees. All ayes:

Claims December 2008					
Alliant	poles for fire sirens	1540.78	Heying Lbr.	lib windows	76.44
Alliant	electricity	4714.80	Hubers Store	supplies	5.98
Aramark	uniform	124.72	Hy Vee	Meals academy	800.50
Auburn Sport Shop	glock	580.00	Ingram	books	307.96
Audio Editions	books on cd	148.67	IRS		5118.50
Bills Auto	tow vehicle	70.00	Iowa Finance Author	interest sewer loan	25890.00
Black Hills Energy	gas bills	1568.77	Iowa Gardening	magazine	13.95
Book Look	books	319.63	Iowa Law Enf. Acad	evaluate MMPI Dawn	160.00
Broken Arrow	uniform Dawn acad	81.45	Iowa Rural Water	membership dues	225.00
Business Systems	copier fees	87.20	Iowa Workforce	quarterly unempl	10.95
Calmar Courier	add step	141.93	Ipers	ipers	2434.02
Center Pt. Lg. Print	books	38.94	Junior Boyer	insurance	573.50
City of Calmar	misc. supplies	47.12	Kirkeby Welding	welding & supplies	437.50
Culligan	fire dept	33.97	Kwik Star	gas bills	465.27
Dave Huinker	library computer serv	250.00	Linda Crossland	postage	2.12
Decorah Electric	emergency siren	1727.41	Malcom	Nov & Dec garbage	12225.09
Ebsco	magazines	379.64	Matt Parrott	water bills	371.03
Emily Hoffert	sew on patches	24.00	Michele Elsbernd	mileage	84.24
Farmers Co-op	fuel, serv	536.84	Micromarketing	books on cd	236.48
Gale	books	93.48	Mississippi Welders	supplies	452.76
Galls	uniform expenes	49.98	Napa	supplies	176.55
Gierke	supplies	1939.66	Nicole Ondrashek	story hour remib	1.99
Gunderson	eye test Dawn	75.00	Norby's	supplies	229.30
Hawkeye Truck	parts	133.59	Postmaster	box rent, postage	163.00
			Postville Vet Clinic	ship samples	49.50
			Presto	pest control	36.00

Qwest	telephone	397.38		93548.06
Richard Zahasky	legal	384.00	Claims By Fund	
Rite Price Office	supplies	310.95	General	39847.13
Sentimental Ref	dvd set	110.00	Road Use	3588.88
South Winn Ins	bond clerk etc	378.45	Benefits	2364.09
Tekippe Engineering	services	1540.50	Water	11014.22
Treasurer St. Ia	quarterly sales tax	2848.00	Sewer	36733.74
Treasurer St. Ia	sales taxes	793.00	Total	93548.06
UPS	shipping	17.84	Revenue By Fund	
Upstart	supplies	35.14	General	15185.69
US Cell	telephone	346.18	Road Use	7193.62
Utility Equip	repair clamp	187.01	Benefits	1270.54
Venture Com. Syste	computer repair police	200.00	Emergency	154.34
Walmart	supplies	321.86	Lost	8710.17
Wellmark	premium	3674.11	Tif	4563.96
Wiltgen	rock, oil	648.58	Water	12488.91
Winco	ice melt	106.60	Sewer	31018.31
Winn. Cty. Engineer	wear blocks	237.20	Total	80585.54
World Book	books	279.00		
Payroll	December	15477.05		

The Fire department report was reviewed and accepted as presented. They also had their Annual "Year in Review" report. Corey Meyer has written a grant for two SBA's for the Calmar Fire Department. He requested that the city act as fiscal sponsor for the grant.

The Police department report was accepted as presented. Chief Ward explained that Dawn was now at the academy and that Waukon and Monona also have officers going to the academy and that the Waukon officer would be driving a police vehicle. Calmar and Monona will be coming to an agreement with Waukon to split the cost of transportation. Discussed was the purchase for the 09-10 budget of a new police vehicle. The state bids for the Police Impala, Charger and Crown Victoria were available for review. Klimesh Ford also quoted a price for the Crown Victoria. After discussion it was decided that the Police Chief and Isaac Phillips would visit again and try to work with our local dealer.

The Street Department report was reviewed and accepted. Junior also stated that the street sweeper work has been completed and was back at the shop.

The Water/wastewater report was discussed and accepted. Bob reported that the high usage on Mondays has to do with the NICC Dairy. He stated that Monday is historically the highest usage day for water. He thinks eventually we will have to do something with ammonia limits because the DNR is changing the regulations, that we could either cover the lagoon or super chlorinate.

The possibility of Federal Stimulus Package grants was discussed. These types of projects need to be almost "ready to go" if funded and will be federal monies, probably distributed through the states, to be used for infrastructure construction, improvements, or replacements. It is also designed to be used for disaster recovery.

The proposed lease agreement with Bushman Organic was discussed. Luther Anderson met with Stacy Bushman and they discussed various lease options. These changes will be drafted into the Lease agreement and given to Stacy to review and sign.

Abby Cline from Upper Explorerland was present to inform the council of the need to develop a Federally Approved Hazard Mitigation Plan. The city has a plan but it is a state approved plan. This

plan would make us eligible for federal and state grant money should a disaster happen in Calmar. Upper Explorerland has been contracted to work with the cities and counties in the development of these plans. Calmar's plan will then become part of the Winneshiek County plan. Abby said that the city needs to appoint from 7-10 people to the committee, which should include representatives from NICC and South Winneshiek and other community members. She asked that a resolution be approved at the next council meeting appointing these people to the committee. Community members will be contacted and asked to serve on this committee.

Budgeting items were discussed including the request from Winneshiek County Development. Council members expressed interest in having Randy Uhl speak at our next meeting. The clerk will contact Randy with this request. Salaries and wage increases to be budgeted for in 09-10 were also discussed. All agreed that a small 2% increase would be budgeted with a decision made on a possible increase at a later date. A spreadsheet of salary history will be available next month.

Mayor McCasland declared the meeting adjourned at 8:53 P.M.

Michele Elsbernd
City Clerk

Joe McCasland
Mayor